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BED-CRIBS.

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Fig. 1.

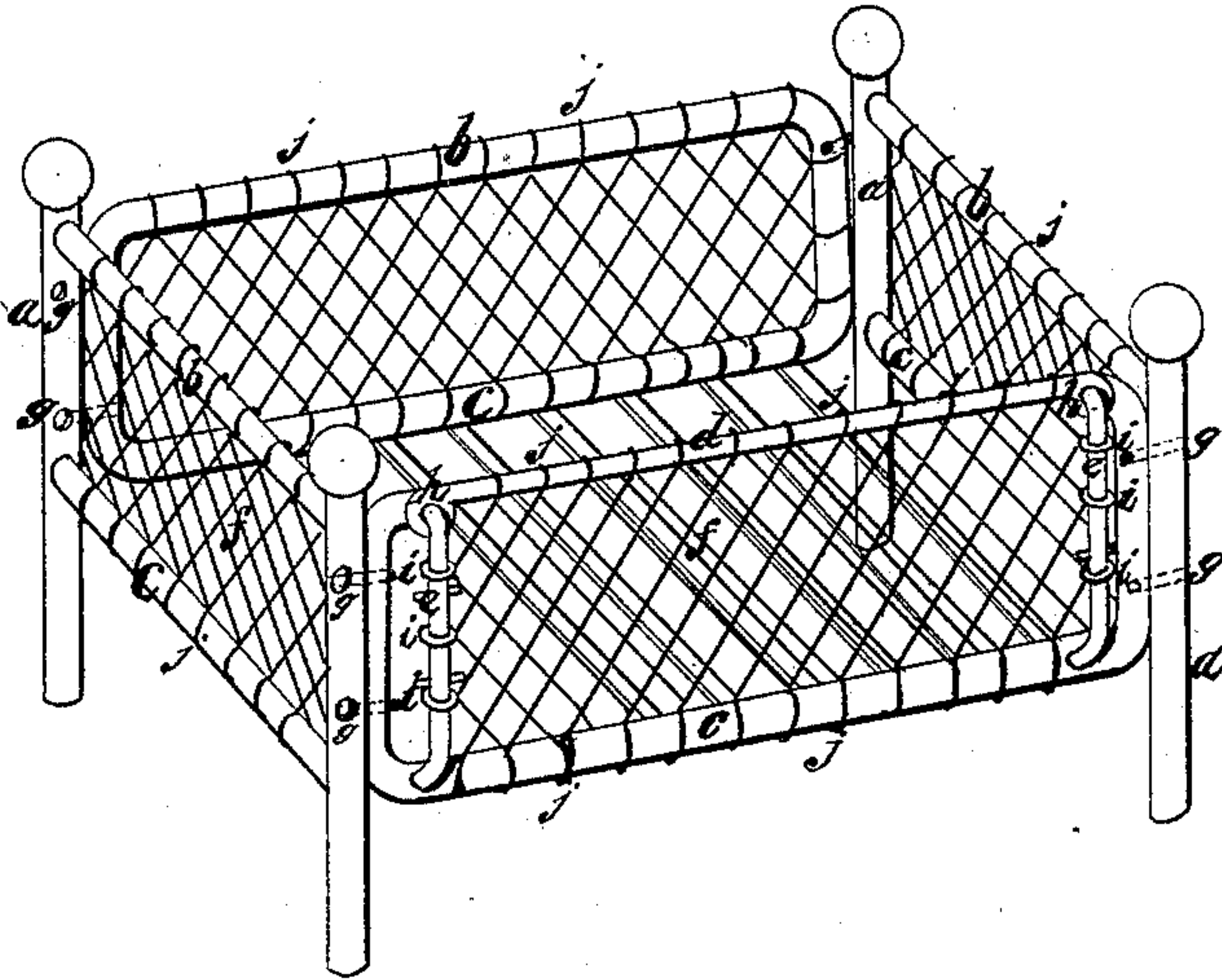


Fig. 2.

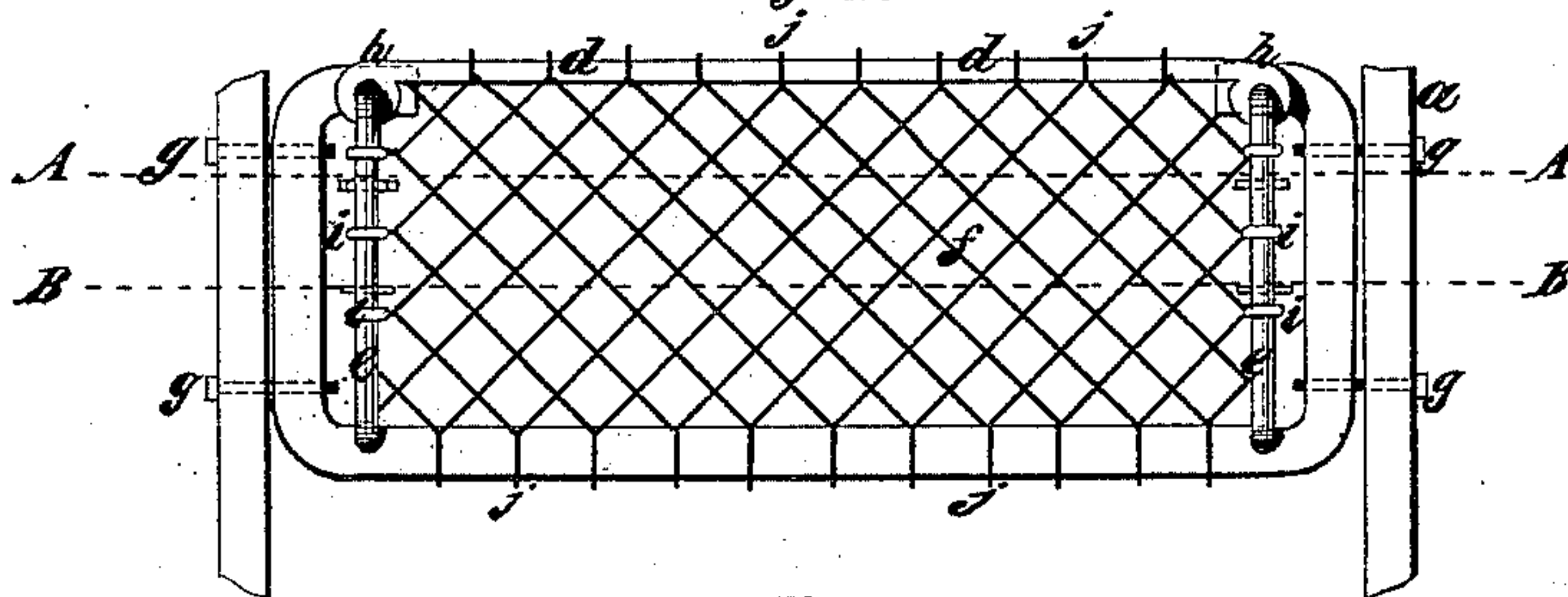


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BED-CRIBS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMANUEL ROTHMANN, of the city of Paterson, county of Passaic and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bed-Cribs, of which the following is the specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention consists of a crib the frame of which may be iron or wood, and made in sections, the ends being riveted together, while the side sections are fastened by means of screws *g g*, which pass through the posts *a a* into the stiles of the side section *c*, thus holding the frame-work tightly together. The screws *g g* have slotted heads; or thumb screws or bolts may be used instead. In the front panel of the crib, and attached to the frame-work of the same, are the guides *e e*, over which the top or sliding rail *d* passes in opening and closing the crib.

The guides *e e* have a short curve or recess formed in the top, where they connect with the frame *b*, into which the top or sliding rail *d* rests when the crib is closed; and when the opening of the crib is desired, it is done by raising the rail *d* to the apex of the guides *e e*, then drawing the same to the perpendicular line of the guides *e e*. It is easily lowered to any position desired until the bottom is reached. The net-work, connected by means of loops to the top and bottom rails, and by means of rings to the guides *e e*, slides easily up and down the guides, without any obstruction to the rail *d*, to the position desired.

The guides *e e* may have holes arranged in them, for the purpose of putting in pins or stops for holding the sliding rail *d* to any position desired, as indicated by dotted lines A A, B B, thus forming an easy and convenient

way of opening and closing the crib, and doing away with hinges, which frequently become loose or break, causing much inconvenience and expense.

My crib is so constructed that children cannot hurt themselves on sharp edges or angles, the frame being made of round material. The sides and ends of panels are inclosed with net-work *f f*, made of cotton, silk, or any material, fastened to the frame *c c* by loops *j*. The front panel or door is provided with rings *i i*, which encircle the guide-wire *e e*, thus keeping the net-work in its proper place, and slide up and down in the opening and closing of the crib.

Casters may be arranged on the posts in the ordinary way, the whole being so constructed that vermin cannot secrete themselves in any part of the crib.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my crib. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, and Fig. 3 is an end elevation of front panel *c* and guide-wire *e*.

a a are the posts. *b b* are top rails; *c c*, bottom rails; *d d*, top or traversing rail; *e e*, guide-wires; *f f*, net-work; *g g*, screws or bolts; *h h*, eyes in top or traversing rail; *i i*, rings; *j j*, loops; A A, B B, dotted lines in Fig. 2, show the top or traversing rail in the several positions.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

In a bed-crib, the top or sliding rail *d* and guides *e e*, in combination with the frame *a b c*, bolts *g g*, net-work *f*, and rings *i*, substantially as set forth.

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